

## Amendments to the Claims

1-27. (cancelled)

28. (currently amended) An extension layer for extending the functionality of a framework which is separate from an operating system, comprising:

~~a first framework;~~

a first access system coupled to ~~a said first framework and~~ which interacts with ~~the said~~ first framework;

~~a second framework, different from said first framework;~~

a second access system coupled to ~~a said second framework which is not identical to the first framework and~~ which interacts with the second framework;

~~an extension module;~~

~~an extensible abstraction layer framework; and~~

a coupling system for connecting to ~~an said extension module to said for an extensible abstraction layer framework thereby providing access to content or functions of the said~~ extension module;

wherein the extension layer provides a uniform, cross-platform, framework-independent interface between ~~the said~~ first and second frameworks and ~~the said~~ extension module.

29. (currently amended) ~~An The extension layer of claim 28 further for extending the functionality of a framework which is separate from an operating system, comprising:~~

~~a first access system coupled to a first framework which interacts with the first framework;~~

~~a second access system coupled to a second framework which is not identical to the first framework and which interacts with the second framework;~~  
~~a coupling system for connecting to an extension module for an extensible framework providing access to content or functions of the extension module;~~  
~~and a synchronization system for synchronizing data from the~~said ~~extension module;~~  
~~wherein the extension layer provides a uniform, cross-platform, framework-independent interface between the first and second frameworks and the extension module.~~

30. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The extension layer of claim 29 further for extending the functionality of a framework which is separate from an operating system, comprising:

~~a first access system coupled to a first framework which interacts with the first framework;~~  
~~a second access system coupled to a second framework which is not identical to the first framework and which interacts with the second framework;~~  
~~a coupling system for connecting to an extension module for an extensible framework providing access to content or functions of the extension module;~~  
~~a synchronization system for synchronizing data from the extension module;~~  
~~and a communication system allowing for the transfer of data or instructions between the~~said ~~extension module and an~~said ~~extensible abstraction layer framework,~~  
~~wherein the extension layer provides a uniform, cross-platform, framework-independent interface between the first and second frameworks and the extension module.~~

31. (currently amended) An extension layer for accessing and using an ordered file, comprising:

a first extensible ordered-data flow-based framework;

a second extensible ordered-data flow-based framework which is not identical to ~~the said~~  
first extensible ordered-data flow-based framework;

~~an extensible ordered-data flow-based abstraction layer framework;~~

an extension module for an extensible ordered-data flow-based ~~abstraction layer~~  
framework containing ordered data;

an abstraction layer having a uniform cross-platform interface between ~~the said~~  
extension module and ~~an said~~ extensible ordered-data flow-based framework, ~~said abstraction~~  
~~layer and~~ being separate from an operating system; and

a synchronization module for handling data flowing between the extension module and  
the extension layer; wherein the extension layer provides a uniform, cross-platform, framework-  
independent interface between the first and second frameworks and the extension module.